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Non-availability of NCERT Books
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of non-availability of NCERT books for various classes during the new academic session;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is also aware that there is a fake scarcity of books created by wholesalers and if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government against such wholesalers; and

(d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make NCERT books available in adequate quantity in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has distributed sufficient number of textbooks in the market. Adequate stock of books is also available in NCERT outlets.
(c) There were newspaper reports to this effect recently. Taking note of the same, NCERT has issued an advisory to all its Regional Institutes of Education and Regional Distribution Centres to ensure availability of NCERT textbooks. Surprise visits are also conducted by NCERT in the market places to check availability of text books.

(d) NCERT textbooks are distributed through a large network of wholesale agents. NCERT books are also made available to the students and schools from NCERT sales counter located at NCERT headquarter and from the sales counters of its Regional Centres located at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkata. Further, NCERT has made available all their textbooks on the web-site epathshala.nic.in for free access and download. NCERT has granted copyright permission to various States Education Boards/Agencies for adoption/ adaptation of its text books and translation, if needed.

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